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SUBJ: UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS: US VIEWS ON ROLE OF UNCTAD

REF: OECD PARIS 18291

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS CONVEYED US VIEWS TO JACQUES CUTTAT, DIVISION OF COMMERCE, DEPT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY. CUTTAT IS WELL-KNOWN TO DEPT OFFICIALS, MOST RECENTLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE GROUP B SPOKESMAN ON COMMODITIES AT NAIROBI.

2. CUTTAT SAID THAT THE OFFICIAL SWISS POSITION IS ONE OF FULL SUPPORT FOR THE NAIROBI RESOLUTION ON COMMODITIES.

3. HE BELIEVES THAT THE USE OF EXISTING COMMODITY GROUPS AS THE ACTUAL FORUMS FOR UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS (PARA 9 REFTTEL) IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE LDC'S, AND THAT IT IS UNLIKELY SYG/COREA COULD BE PERSUADED TO PRESS THE LDC'S FOR A REVERSAL OF THIS POSITION.

4. HE DOUBTS THAT COREA CAN BE DEFLECTED FROM HIS VIEW THAT ALL UNCTAD MEMBERS SHOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATIONS (PARA 12 REFTTEL), AND IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT WHILE THIS COULD CAUSE REAL PROBLEMS AT THE NEXT MEETING ON COPPER, WHICH THE LDC'S REGARD AS A QUOTE TEST CASE UNQUOTE, IN THE END THE WORK WILL BE DONE BY PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, AS WAS THE CASE WITH COCOA.

5. CUTTAT SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT KEY PROCEDURAL OR POLICY QUESTIONS WILL IN FACT HAVE BEEN DECIDED PRIOR TO MID-NOV, AND THEREFORE HE DOES NOT SHARE OUR SENSE OF URGENCY THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED EARLIER.

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